

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment to the claims is intended to place the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 11-14, 17, 18, 21-24, 27 and 28 have been canceled, and Claims 5, 9, 15, 19, 25 and 29 have been amended. In view of these amendments and the following reasoning for allowance, the applicants hereby respectfully request further examination and reconsideration of the subject application.

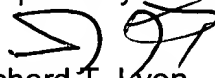
Claims 3, 7, 12, 13, 19 and 29 were objected to because of various informalities. Claims 7, 8, 17, 18, 27 and 28 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 11, 12, 31, 32, 51 and 52 of U. S. Patent No. 6,594,798. Claims 4, 7, 8, 11-14, 17, 18, 21-24, 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Ammar et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,215,766 in view of Tsunoda, U.S. Publication No. 2003/0005387. And finally, Claims 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, 26, 29 and 30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner stated that these last claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

While no admission is made that the rejected claims actually constitute double patenting or are made obvious by the cited references, the applicants have chosen to amend the claims as suggested in the Office Action to further the prosecution of the application and expedite its allowance. More particularly, the rejected Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 11-14, 17, 18, 21-24, 27 and 28 have been cancelled, and Claims 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, 26, 29 and 30 have been rewritten to include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Further, in regards to remaining Claims 19 and 29, which were objected to because the phrase

"the receiving program module" allegedly lacked antecedent basis, this phrase has been deleted from the claims. All the other aforementioned claims found to have informalities were cancelled.

In summary, it is believed that the objected to claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to Claims 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, 26, 29 and 30 and allowance of these claims at an early date is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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